



NORTHEAST LICC REPORT



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Regional LICC status: April 2003

Active LICCs: 10 representing 19 counties

Inactive LICCs: 2 representing 2 counties

LICCs in development: 8

Primary Outcomes of LICCs:

1. Public awareness and child find
2. Develop a community resource guide
3. Assistance and ongoing interaction with the SPOE
4. Resource development and funding
5. Provider recruitment
6. Increase collaboration among agencies serving infants and toddlers with disabilities
7. Legislative/lobbying for First Steps Program

Summary of activities and accomplishments:

- **Marion/Shelby participated in a “Week of the Young Child” activity in Marion County and is working with the SPOE to identify problems and concerns in the new system.**
- **Jefferson County has purchased developmental charts to hand out and promotional items for parents, doctors, and providers.**
- **Northeast Early Childhood Network is contacting families to join LICC and setting up awareness activities at the Health Fair and a speaker on ABA.**
- **Cooper/Howard has met with the SPOE, discussed mutual roles, and how they can assist in provider recruitment.**
- **Boone Co. shared a First Steps informational ad with elementary school principals in Columbia Public Schools and how to make referrals has been included in several school newsletters. Outreach activities with the University Hospital are being planned. The SPOE wrote a First Steps article that was included in the Columbia Daily Tribune.**
- **St. Charles Co. is working on a grant from the SB 40 Board for LICC funding, has formed a legislative committee to work in collaboration with the St. Charles Coalition, and made presentations to local PATs.**
- **Montgomery Co. was active during “Week of the Young Child” with a radio spot, newspaper articles, distributed local LICC flyer, and a parent gave an LICC report at Head Start Parent Meeting.**
- **Cole Co. is networking with the SPOE and helping familiarize them with other community resources.**

Summary of identified needs or concerns:

- **Lack of service coordinators**
- **Funding for LICC operation**
- **Change in payment cycle from the CFO**
- **Need for developmental therapists, orientation and mobility specialists, audiologists, and physicians**
- **Lack of forms training**
- **Limited LICC attendance, especially by families**
- **Lack of participation by all counties in LICC cluster area**
- **Not finding assistive tech providers on matrix who have desired equipment**

Key points and significant information to provide SICC:

1. SPOE has been easy to contact and to work with in Region 25
2. Limited number of service coordinators and providers; many will not sign up due to limited pay considering the time and travel required in rural areas.
3. LICCs are working hard on child find and informing parents
4. Confusion by providers on documentation and how it is to be done
5. LICCs continue to stay active and meet outcomes even though there is no funding